

CHAPTER FIVE



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BATMAN

バットマン ジャスティスバスター
JUSTICE BUSTER

13+
TEEN

THE DARK KNIGHT FIGHTS FOR HIS LIFE IN A UNIVERSE OF DANGER



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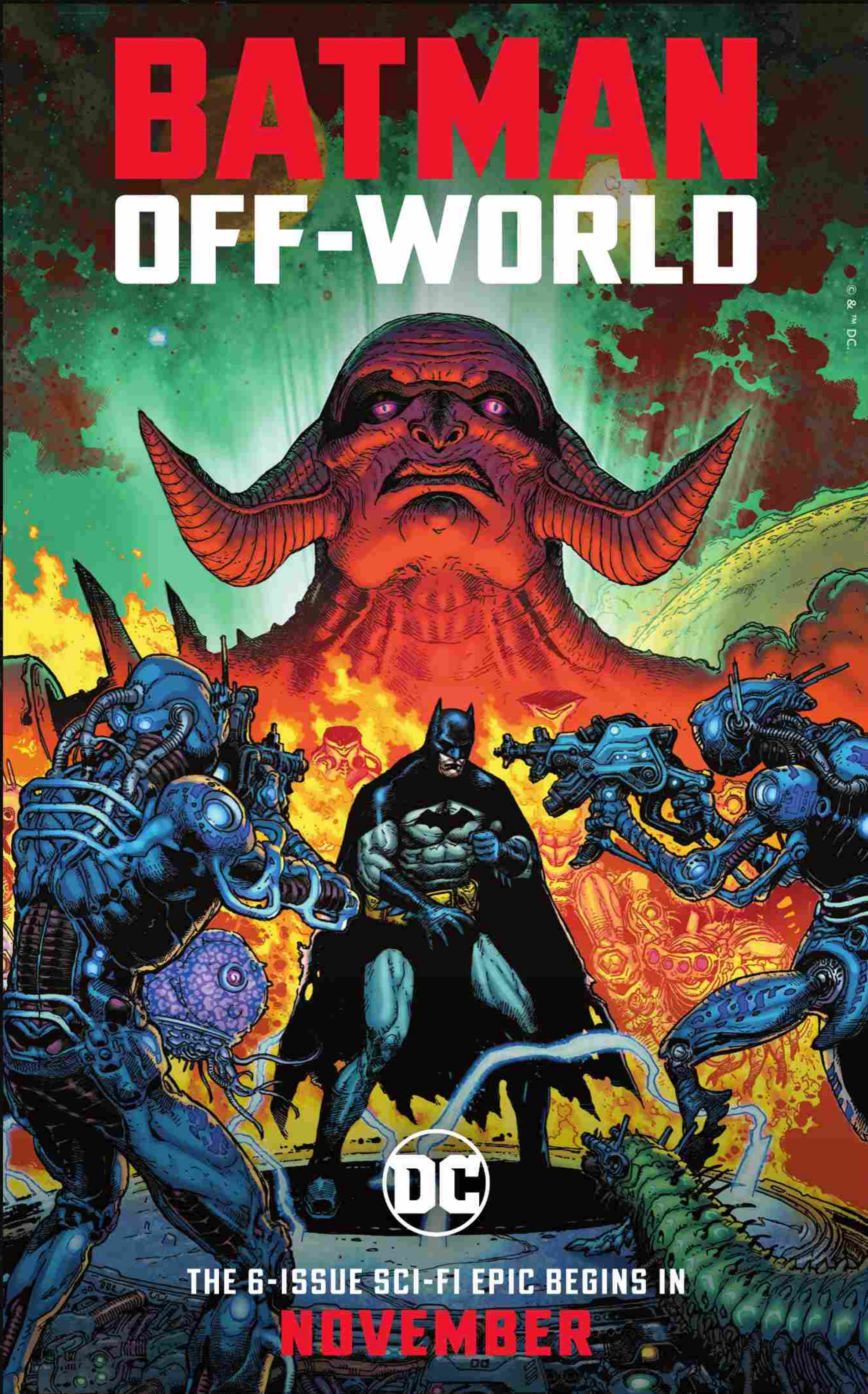
IN HIS FIRST-EVER BATMAN STORY



ART BY

DOUG MAHNKE

THE SUPERSTAR ARTIST OF *SWAMP THING: GREEN HELL* AND *DETECTIVE COMICS*



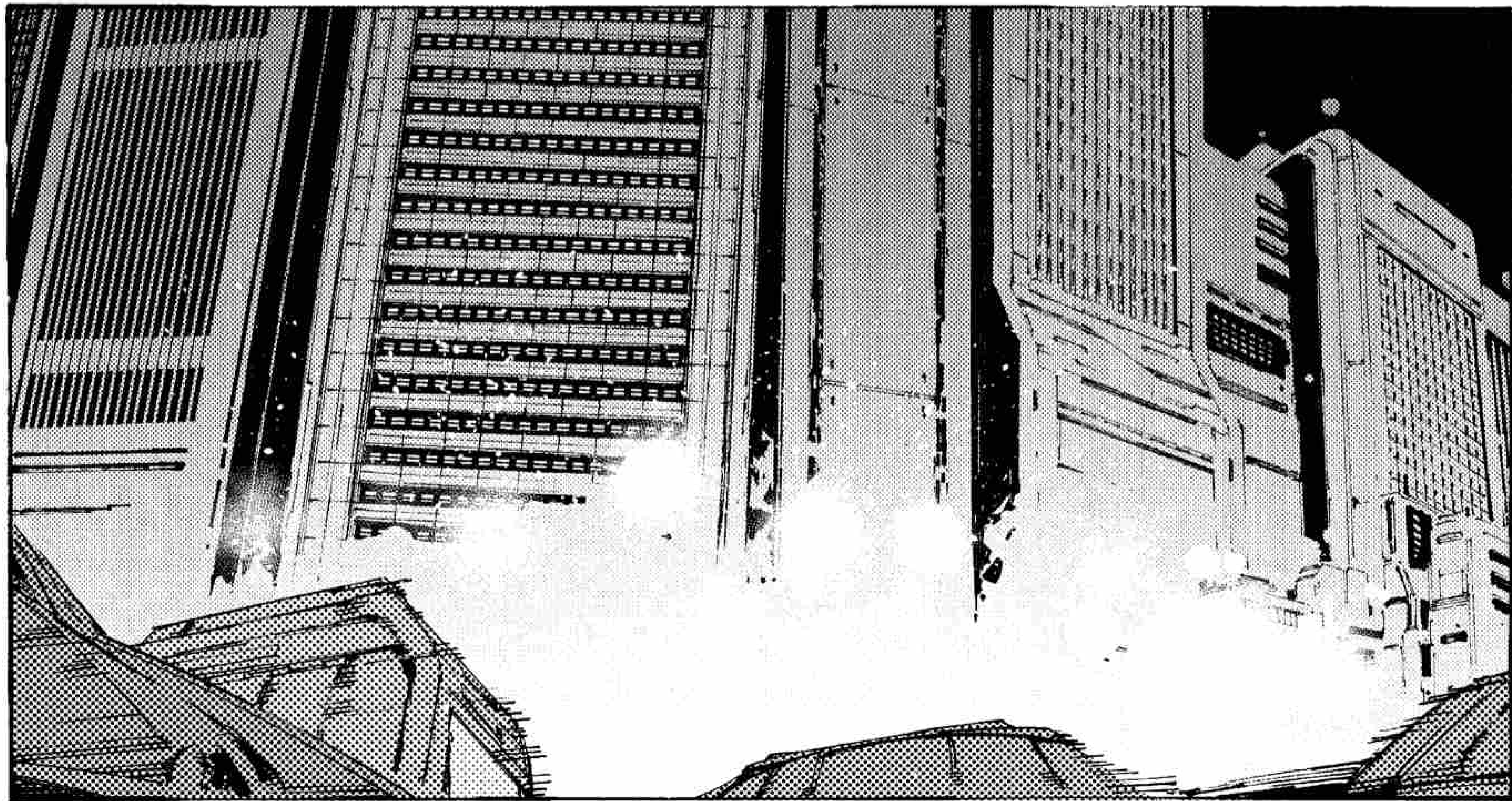
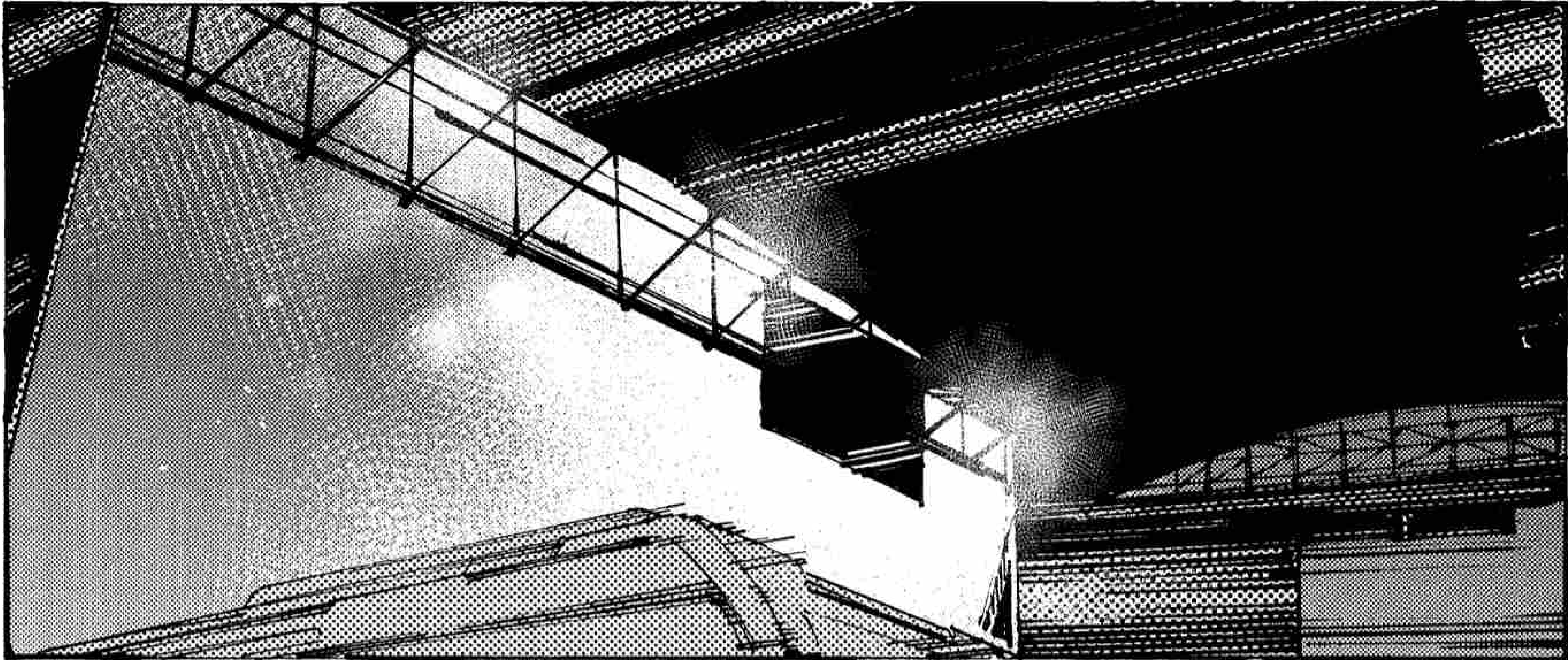
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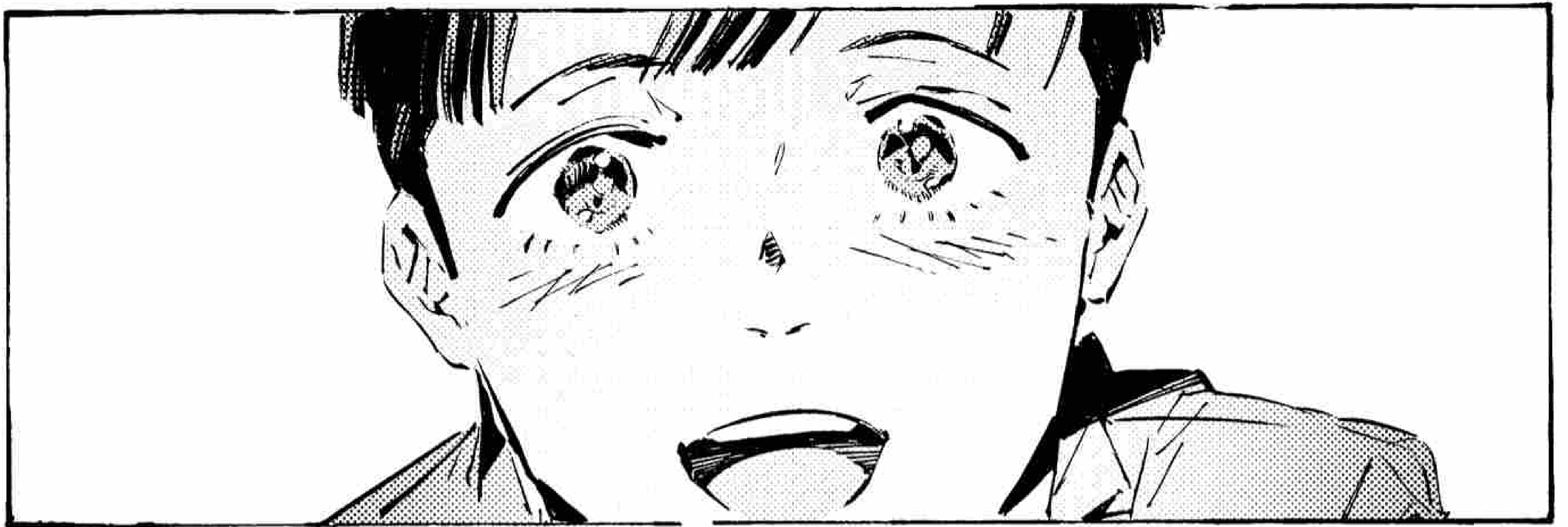
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I BET YOU
HADN'T SEEN
SKYSCRAPERS
LIKE THIS
BEFORE
MOVING TO
GOTHAM,
EH?



UH-
UH!



AND THE
BUSES ARE
DIFFERENT,
TOO!

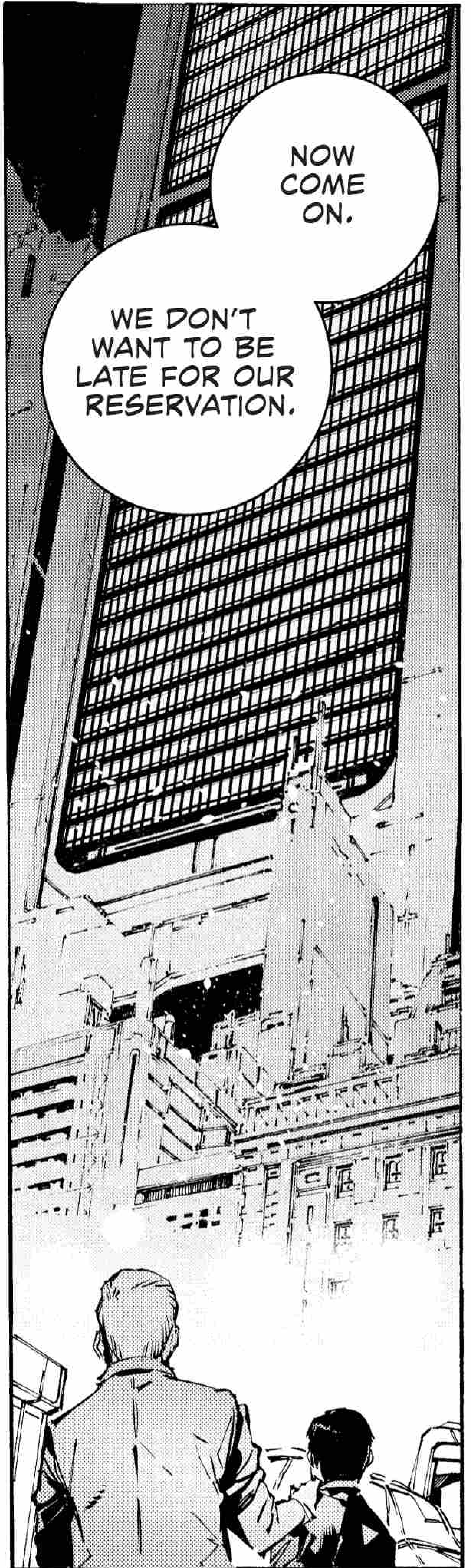


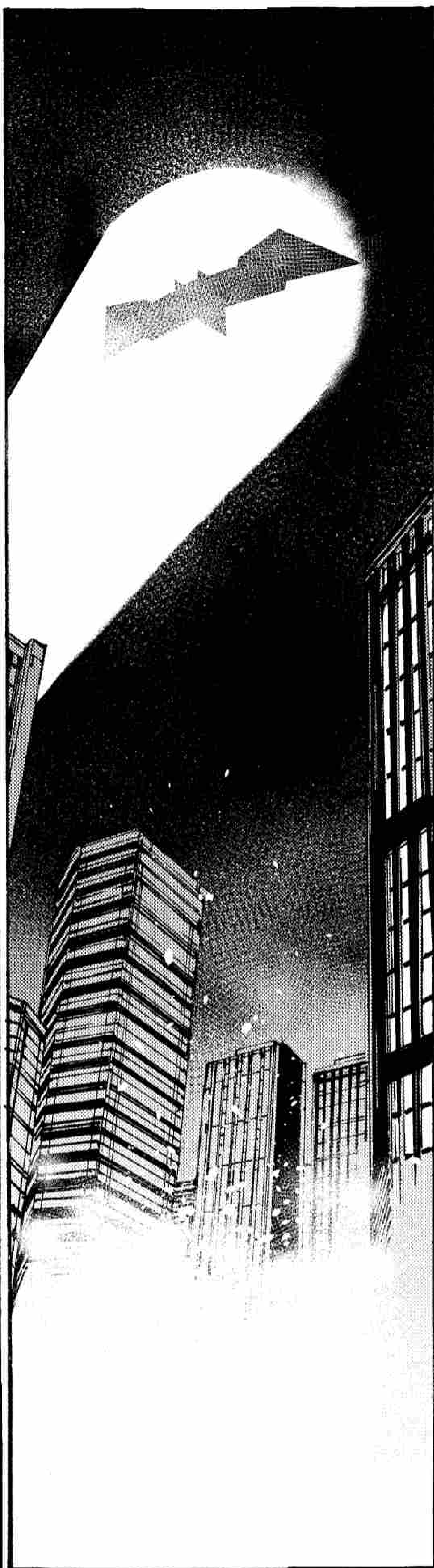
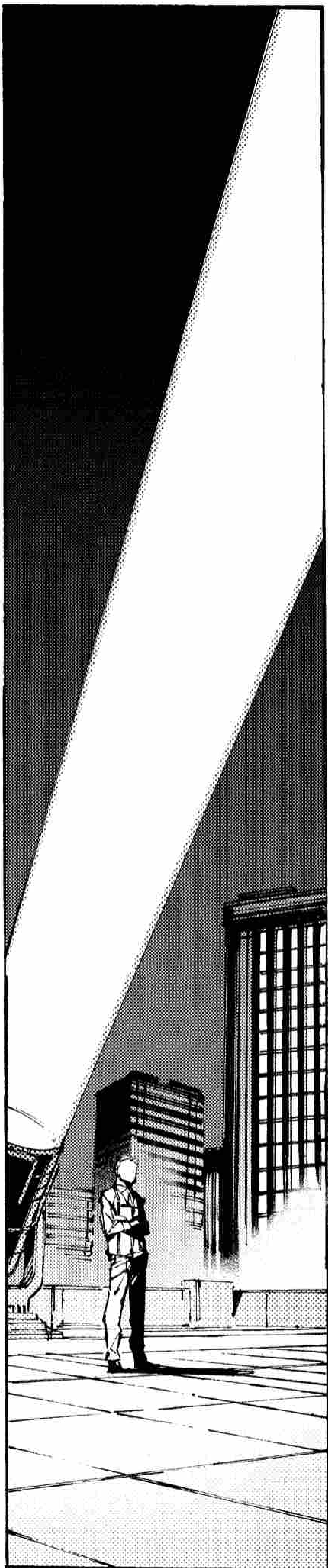
THOUGH
IT'S
EXCLUSIVELY
FOR THEM, NOT
PLEBES
LIKE US.

IN FACT,
EVEN THE
WEALTHY
RIDE
THE BUS
HERE.

WELL,
THAT'S
BECAUSE THIS
IS A RICH AREA.
OF COURSE THE
BUSES WOULD
BE HIGH-
CLASS.

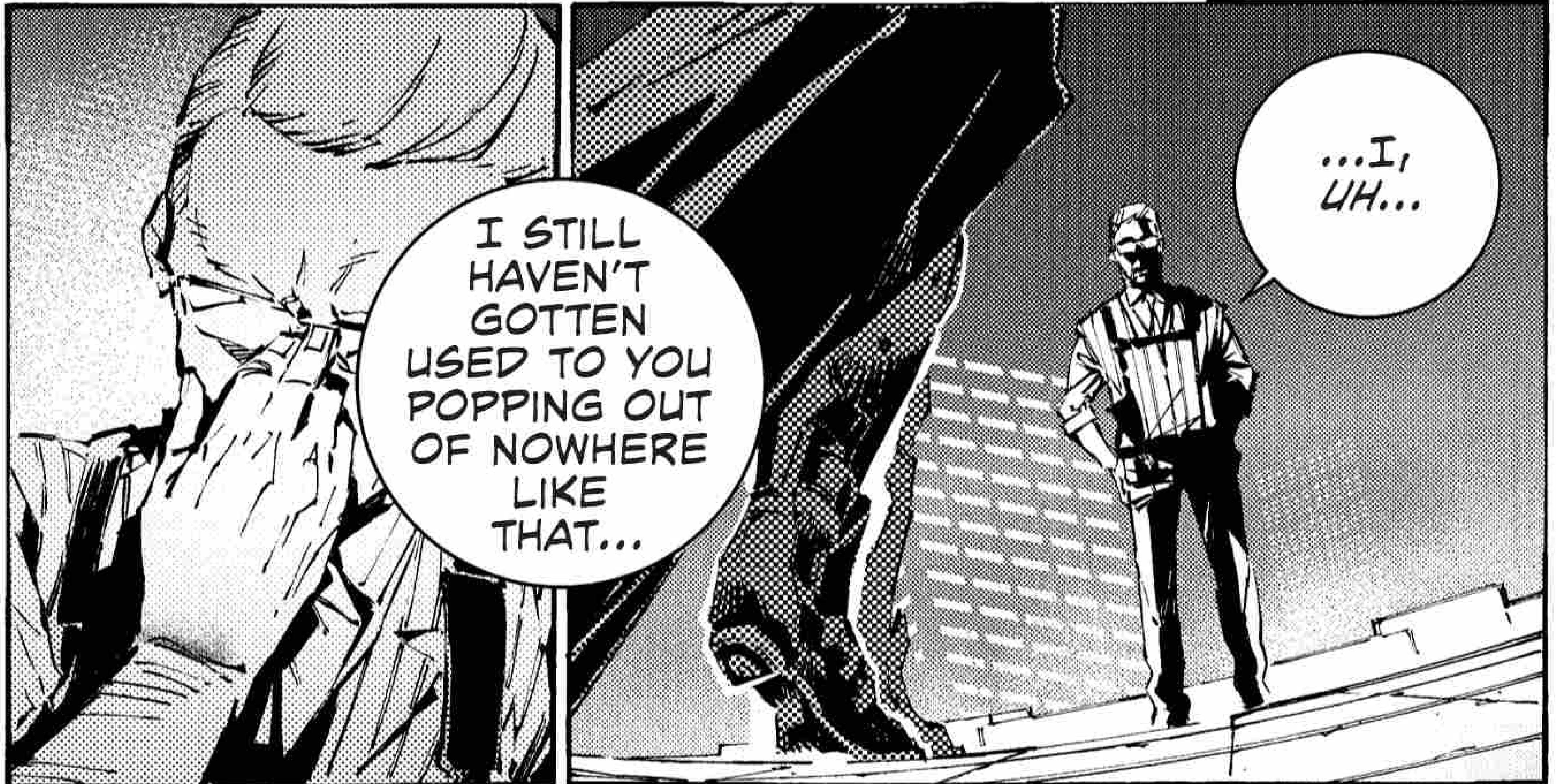






A black and white comic panel showing a man in a suit and glasses looking up at a figure on a rooftop. The figure is wearing a dark, hooded outfit and a mask. The background shows a city skyline with tall buildings.

WHAT
HAPPENED
WITH THAT
ALLIGATOR
MAN?

A black and white comic panel showing a man in a suit and glasses looking up at a figure on a rooftop. The figure is wearing a dark, hooded outfit and a mask. The background shows a city skyline with tall buildings.

I STILL
HAVEN'T
GOTTEN
USED TO YOU
POPPING OUT
OF NOWHERE
LIKE
THAT...

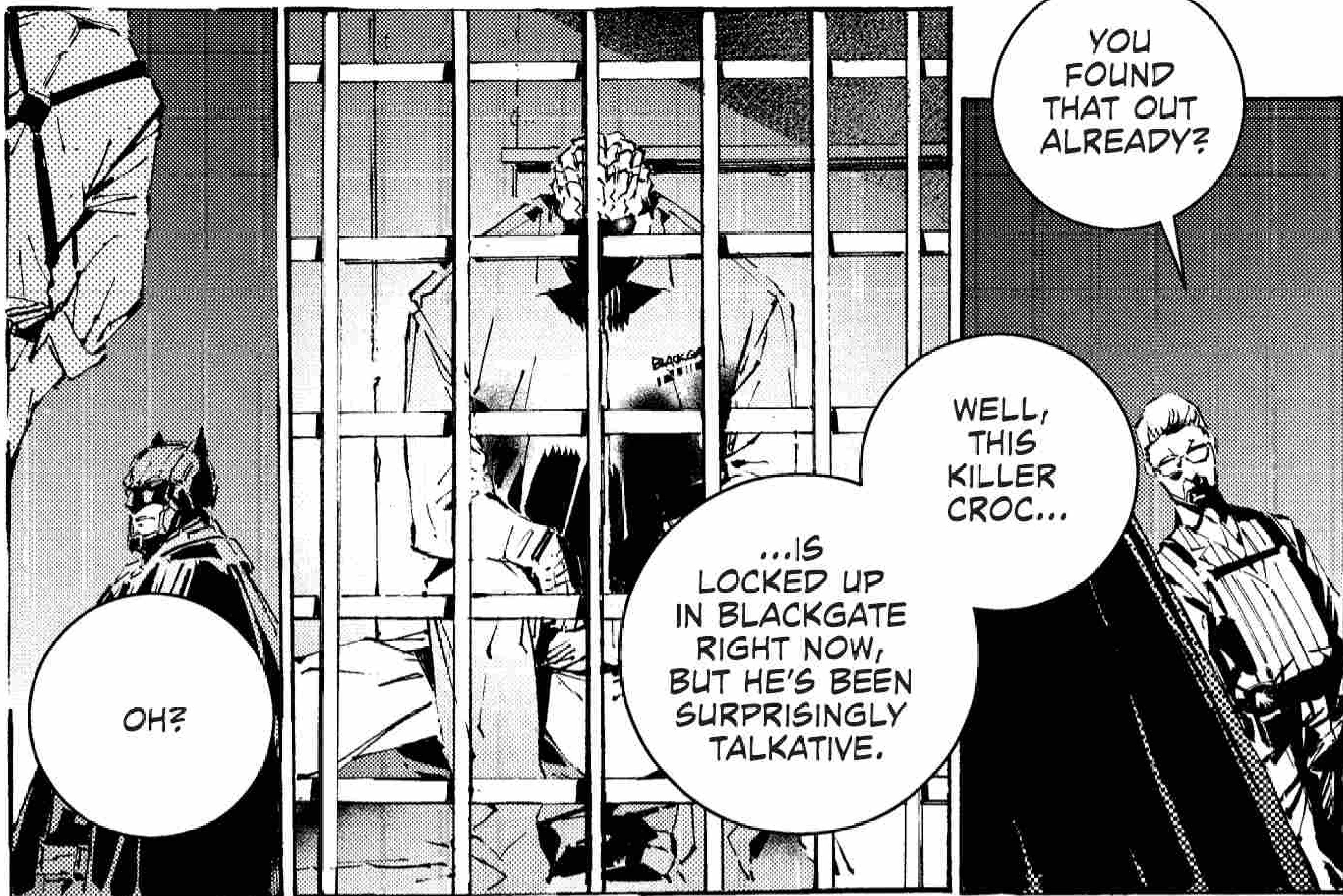
...I,
UH...

A black and white comic panel showing a man in a suit and glasses looking up at a figure on a rooftop. The figure is wearing a dark, hooded outfit and a mask. The background shows a city skyline with tall buildings.

HE
HAS A RARE
CONDITION THAT
CAUSES TOUGH, SCALY
SKIN, THOUGH I DON'T
KNOW WHETHER
IT'S CONGENITAL
OR NOT.

THE
ALLIGATOR
MAN...

THE BOYS
CALL HIM
"KILLER CROC"
HERE...

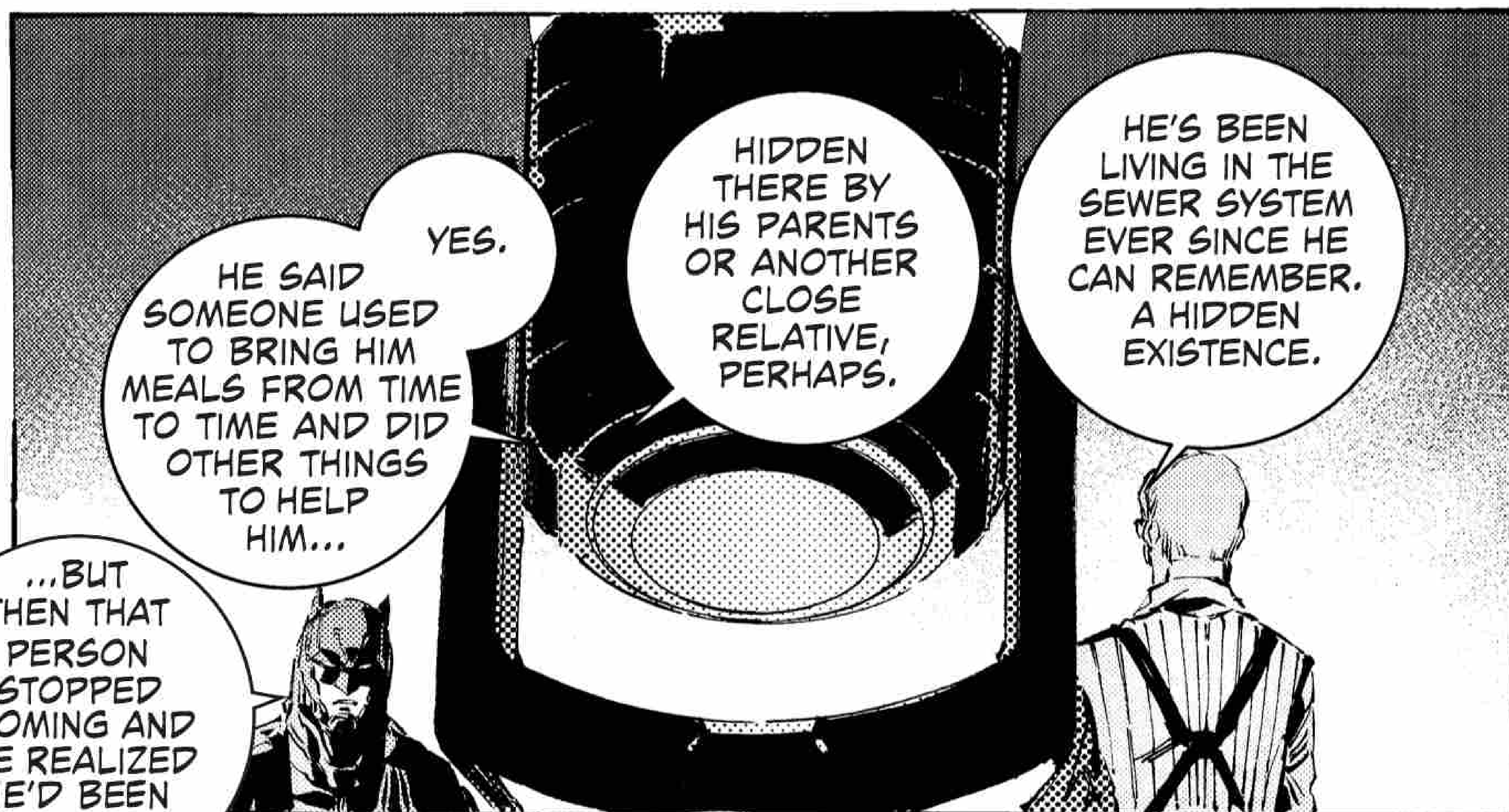


OH?

YOU
FOUND
THAT OUT
ALREADY?

WELL,
THIS
KILLER
CROC...

...IS
LOCKED UP
IN BLACKGATE
RIGHT NOW,
BUT HE'S BEEN
SURPRISINGLY
TALKATIVE.



YES.

HE SAID
SOMEONE USED
TO BRING HIM
MEALS FROM TIME
TO TIME AND DID
OTHER THINGS
TO HELP
HIM...

HIDDEN
THERE BY
HIS PARENTS
OR ANOTHER
CLOSE
RELATIVE,
PERHAPS.

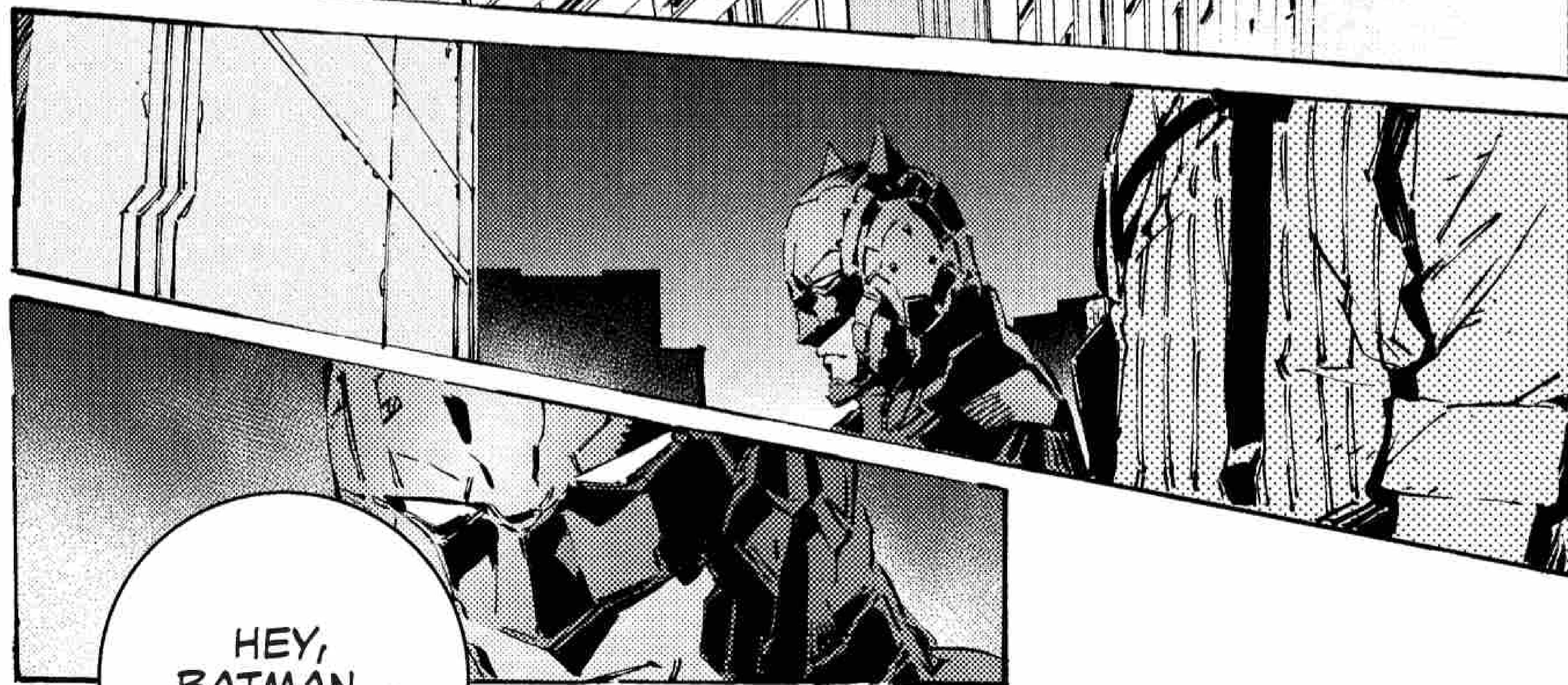
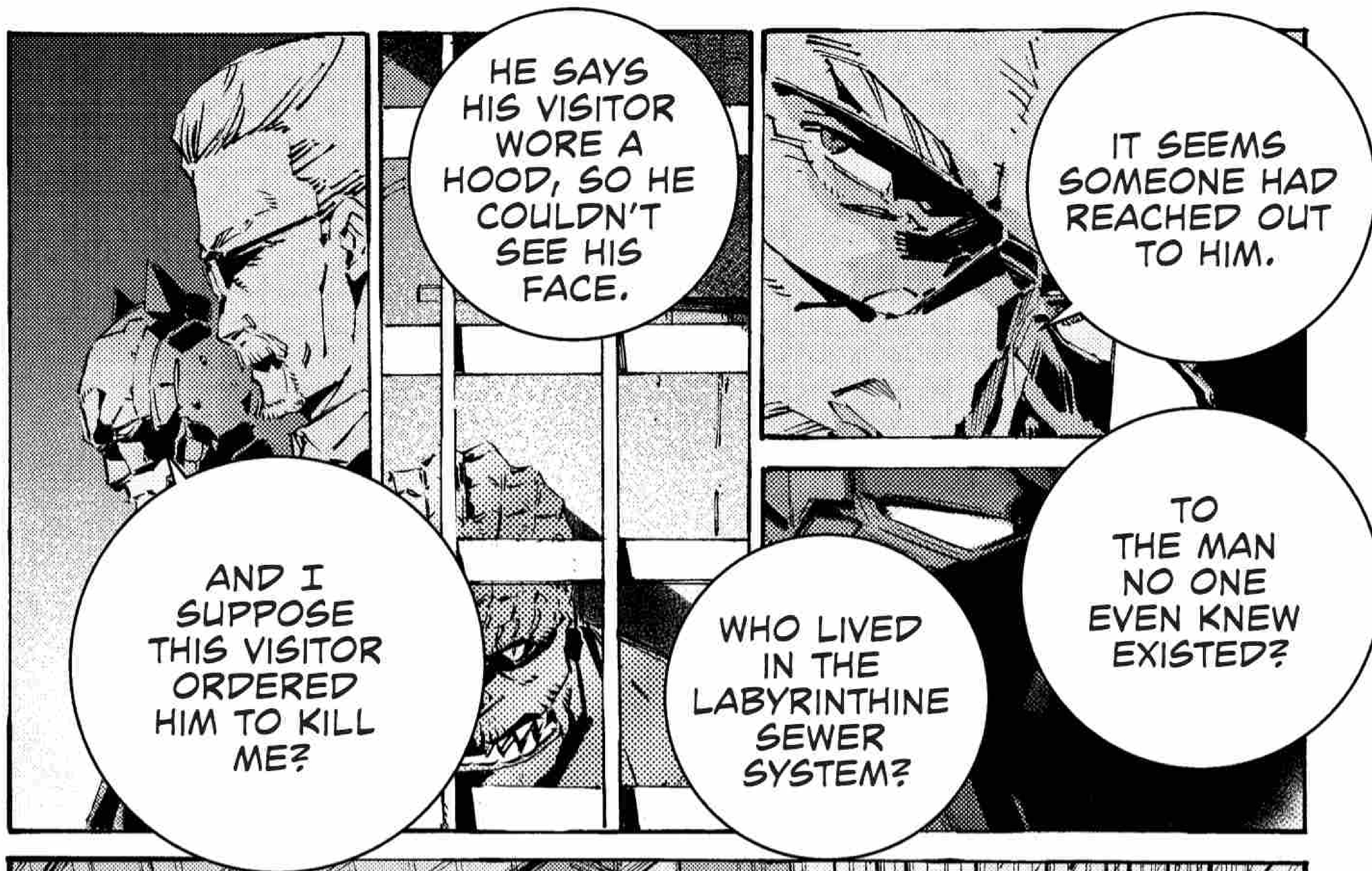
HE'S BEEN
LIVING IN THE
SEWER SYSTEM
EVER SINCE HE
CAN REMEMBER.
A HIDDEN
EXISTENCE.

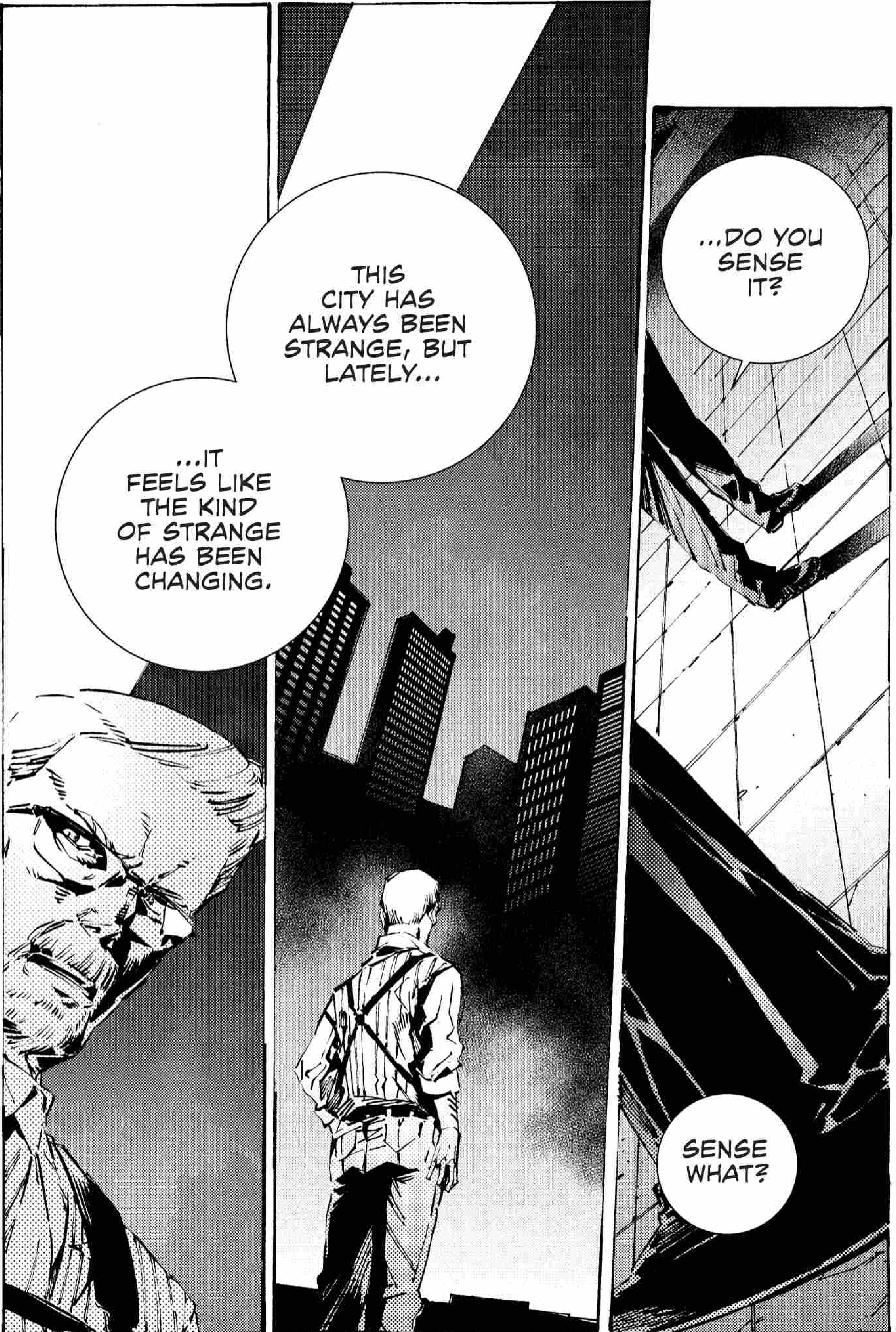
...BUT
THEN THAT
PERSON
STOPPED
COMING AND
HE REALIZED
HE'D BEEN
ABANDONED.



WHY
DID HE
ATTACK
ME?

YES,
APPARENTLY...
IN THAT
REGARD, I
FEEL QUITE
SORRY FOR
HIM.



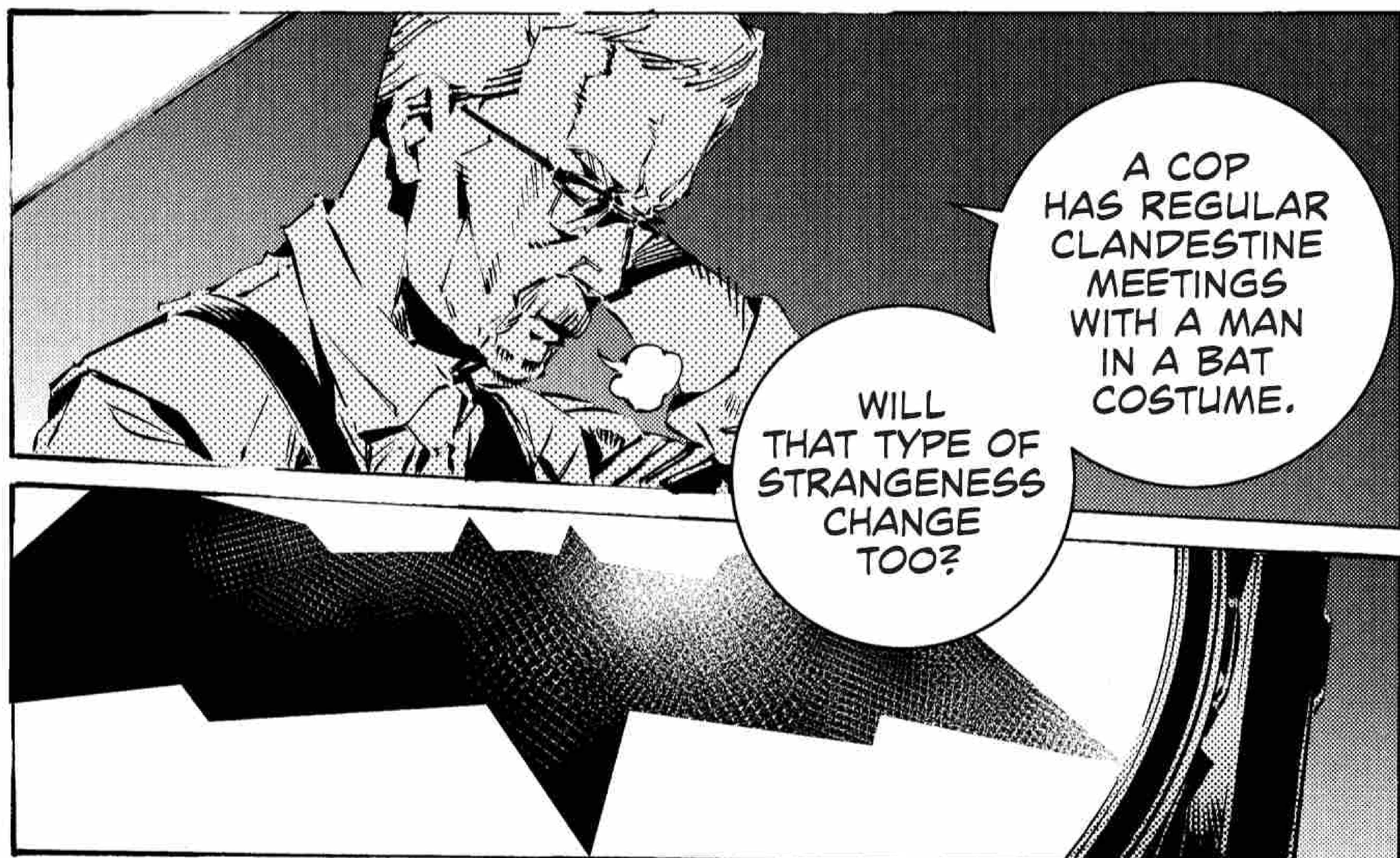
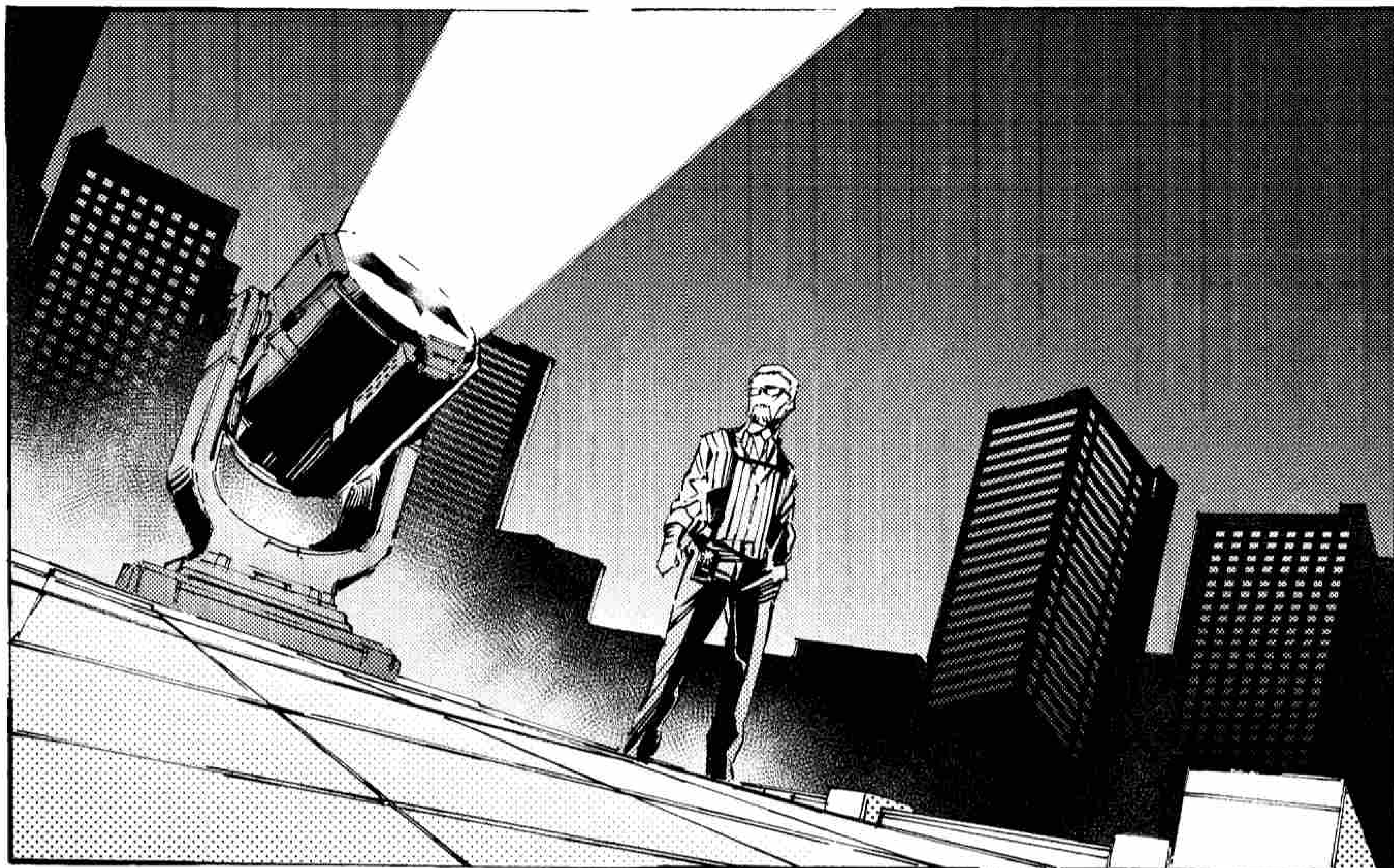


THIS
CITY HAS
ALWAYS BEEN
STRANGE, BUT
LATELY...

...IT
FEELS LIKE
THE KIND
OF STRANGE
HAS BEEN
CHANGING.

...DO YOU
SENSE
IT?

SENSE
WHAT?

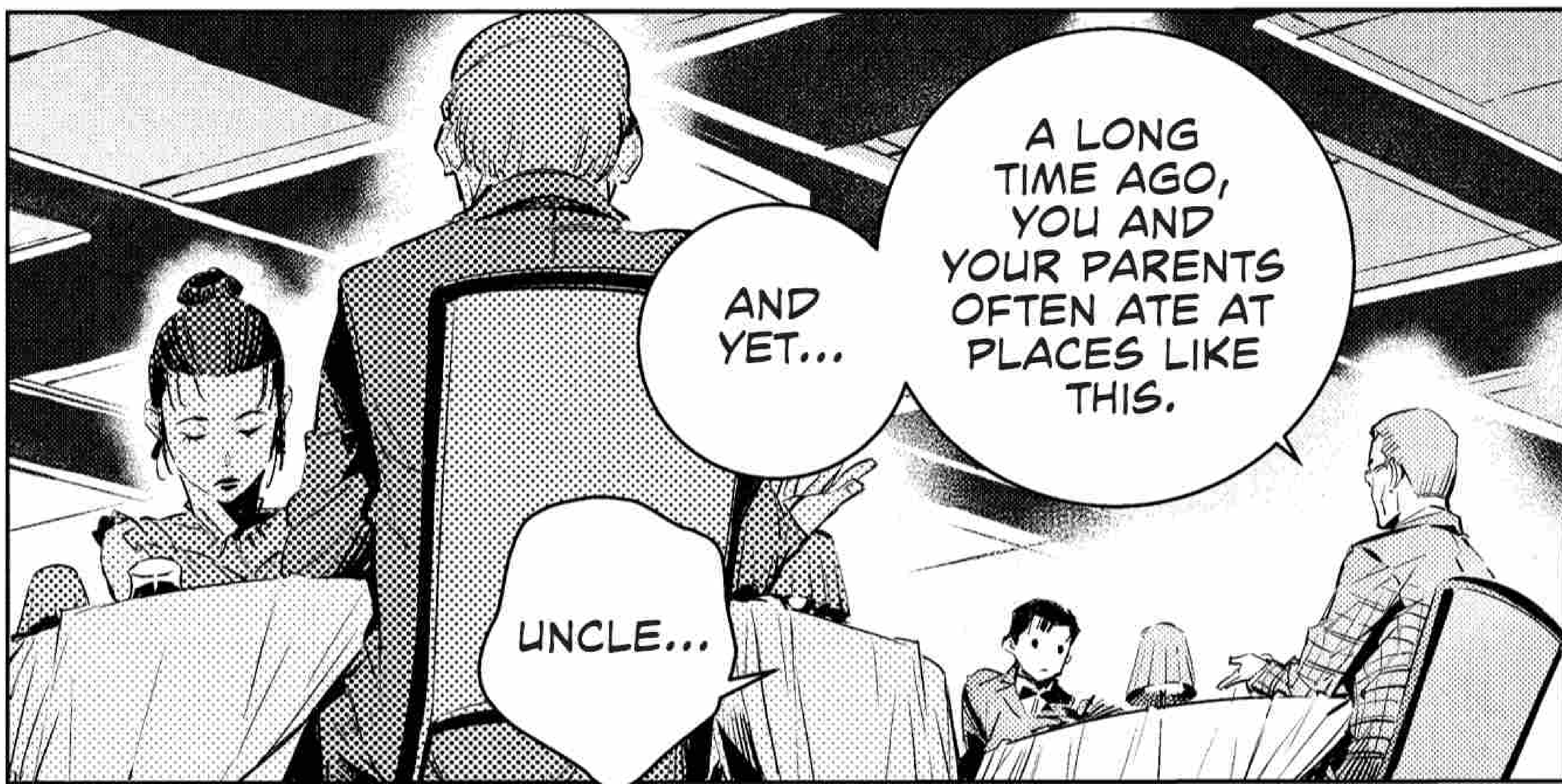


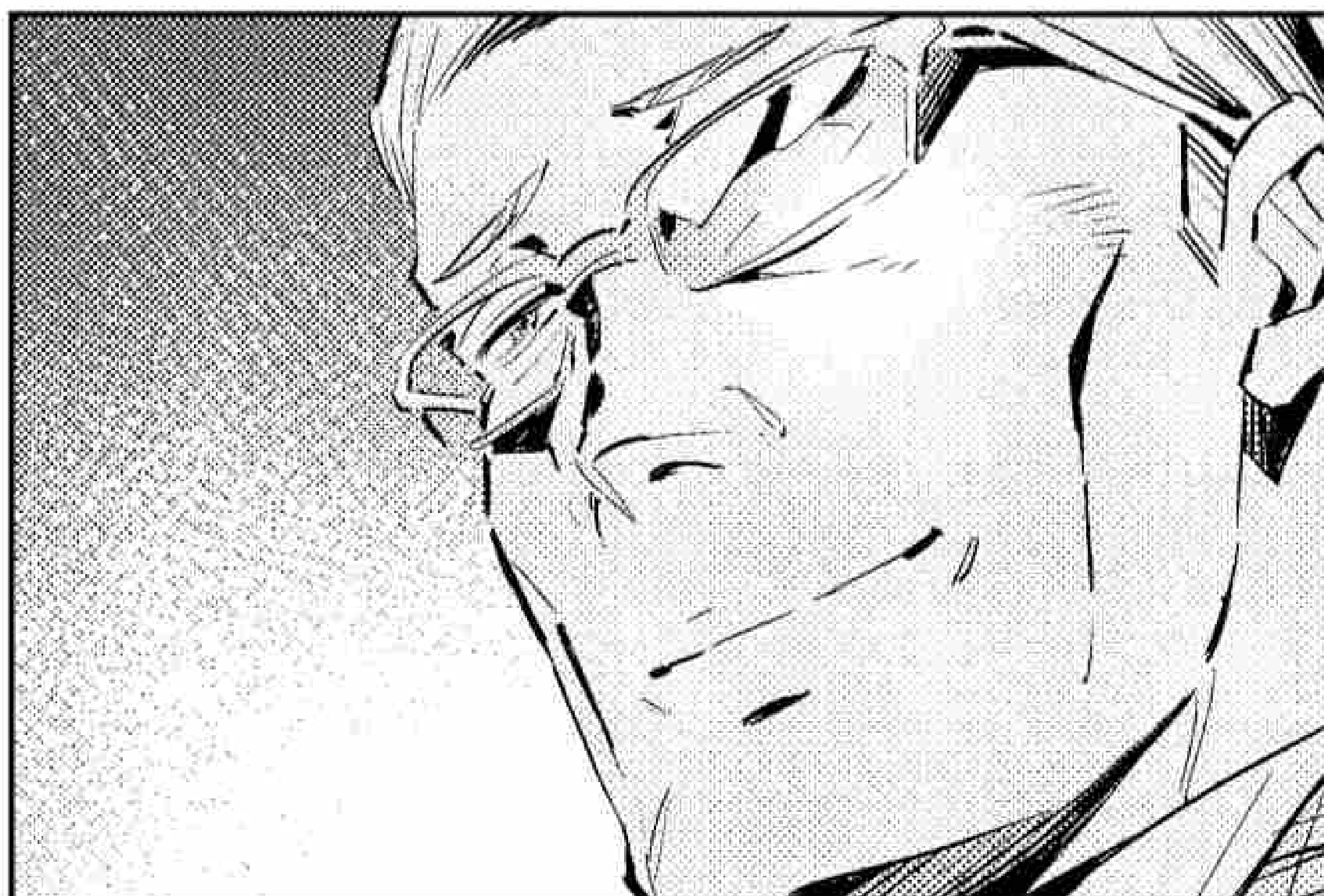
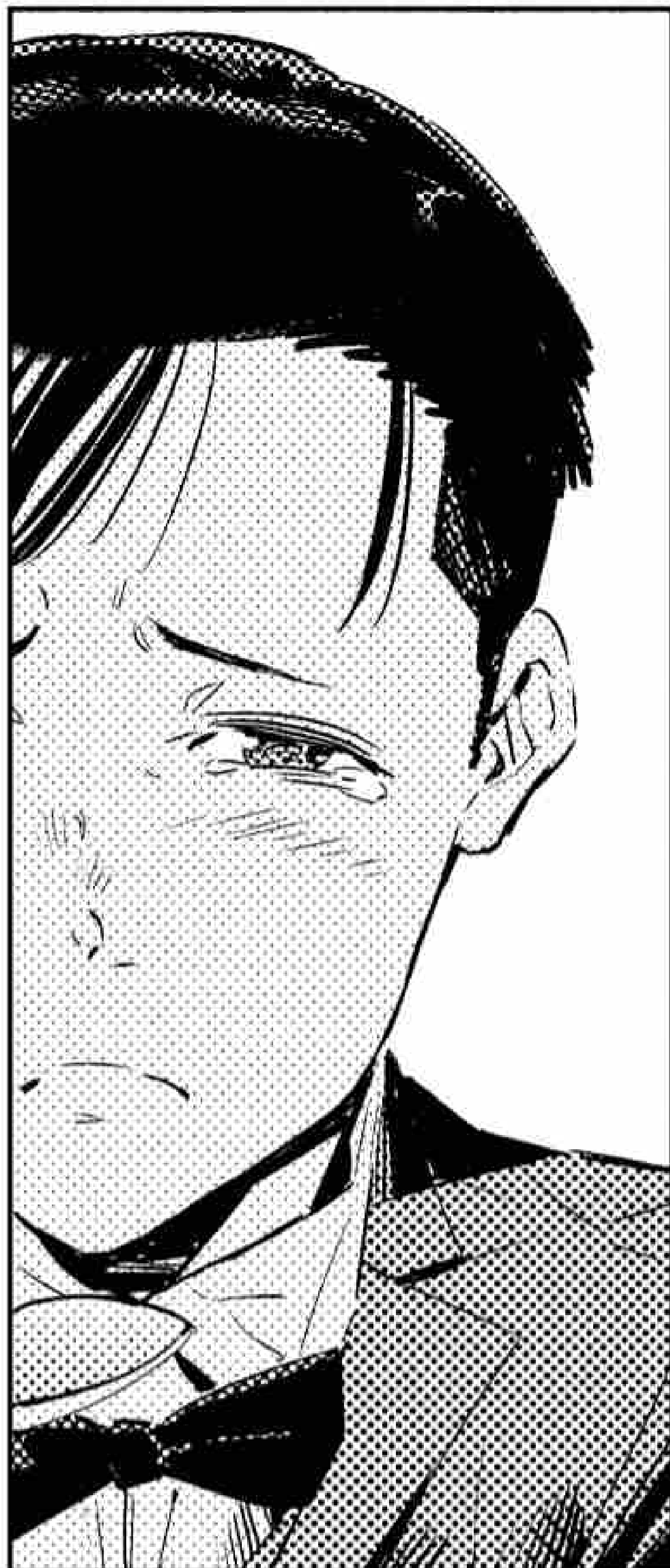


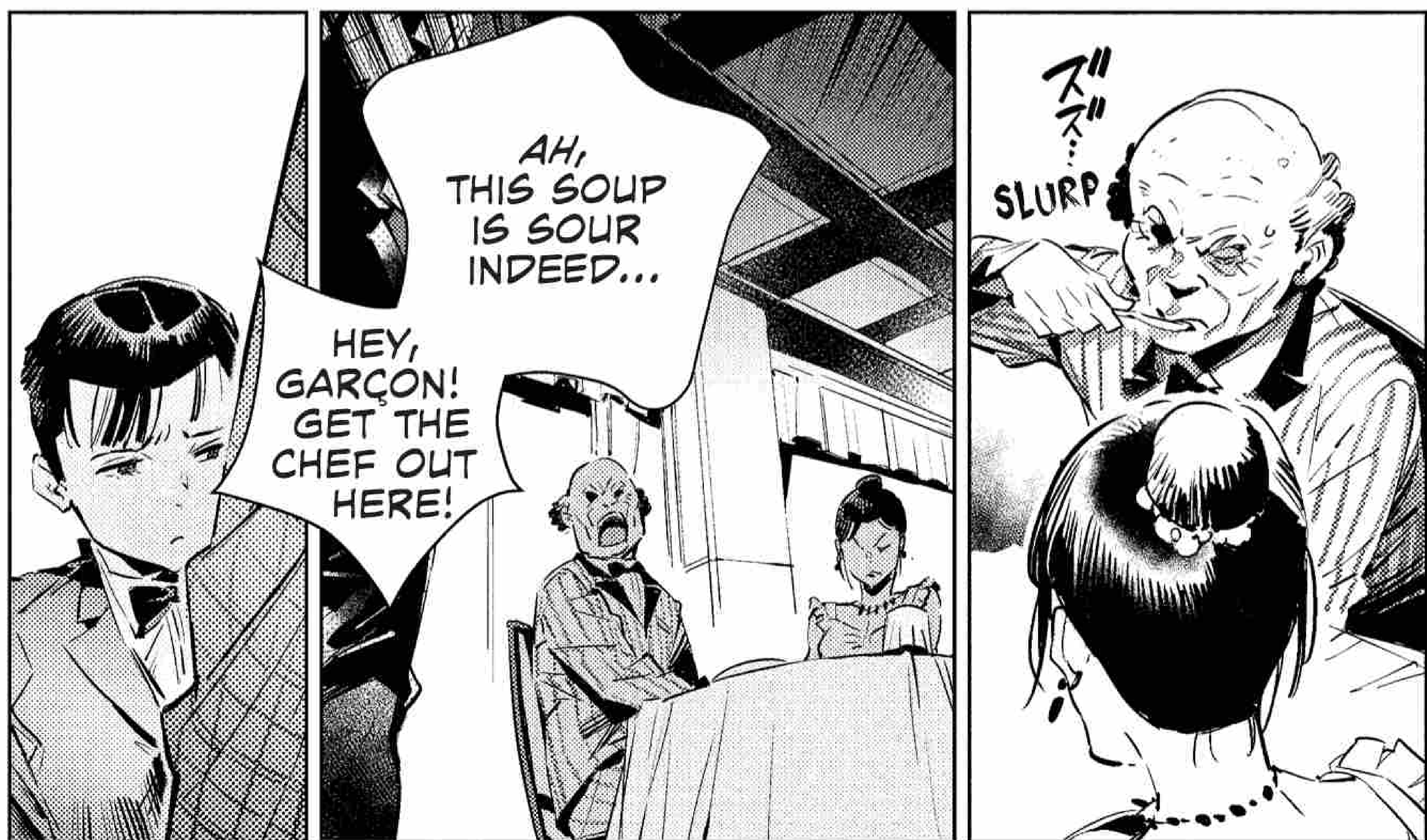
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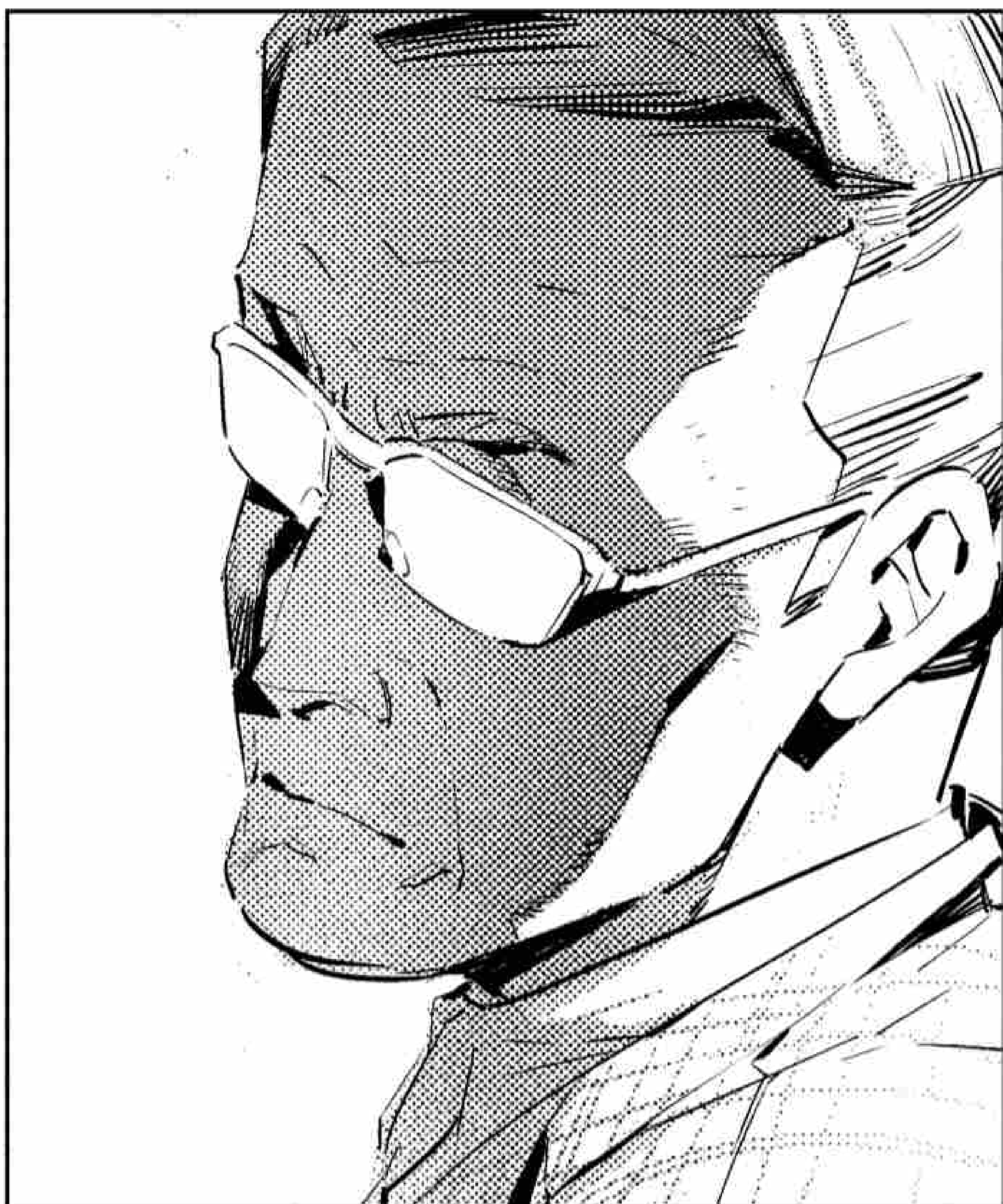
...ARE
YOU SURE
THIS IS
OKAY?

THIS
HAS
TO BE A
REALLY
EXPENSIVE
RESTAURANT...









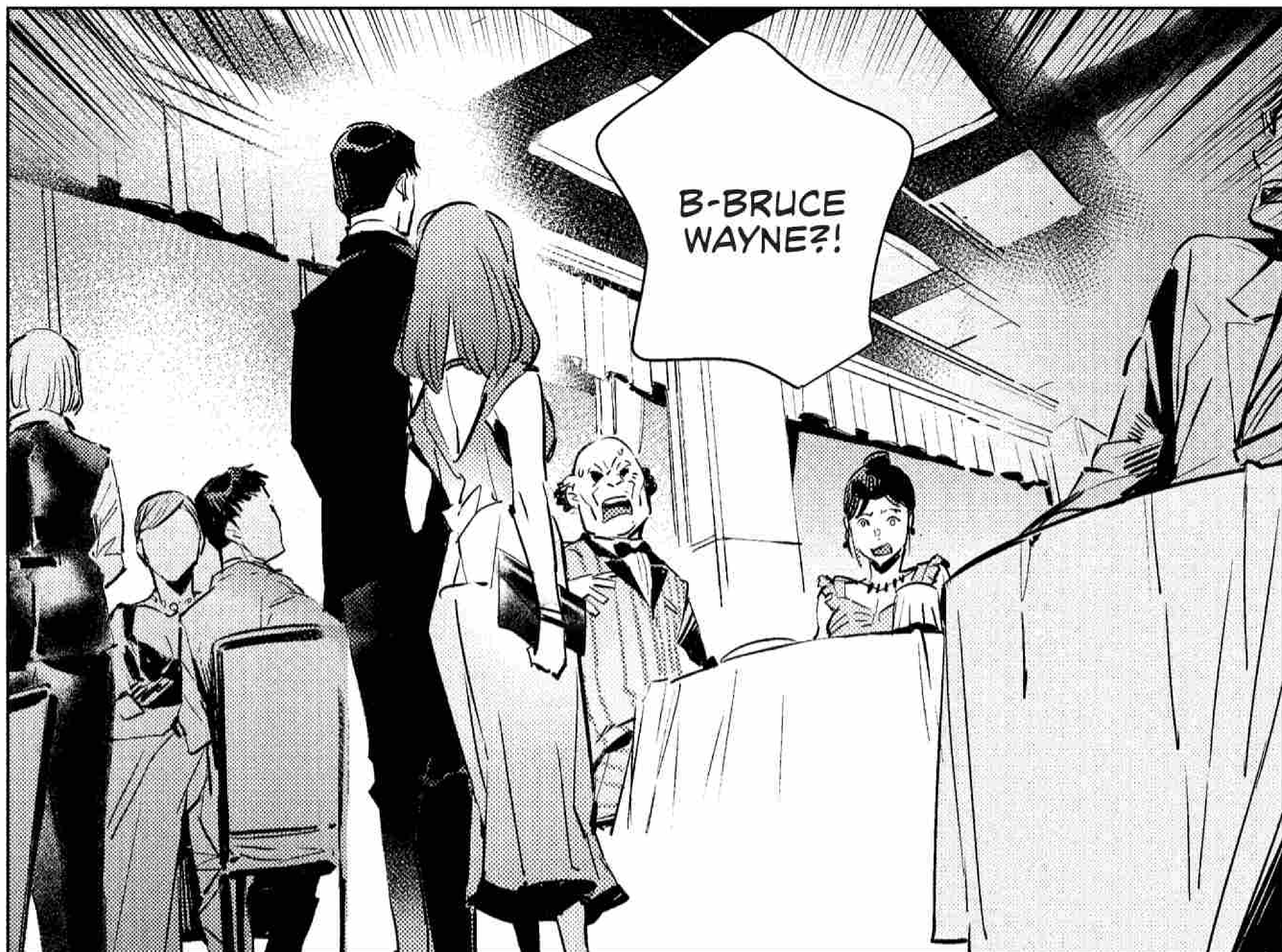
IS
THERE A
PROBLEM
HERE?

IS
THERE A
PROBLEM?!
THIS SOUP
TASTES
LIKE--

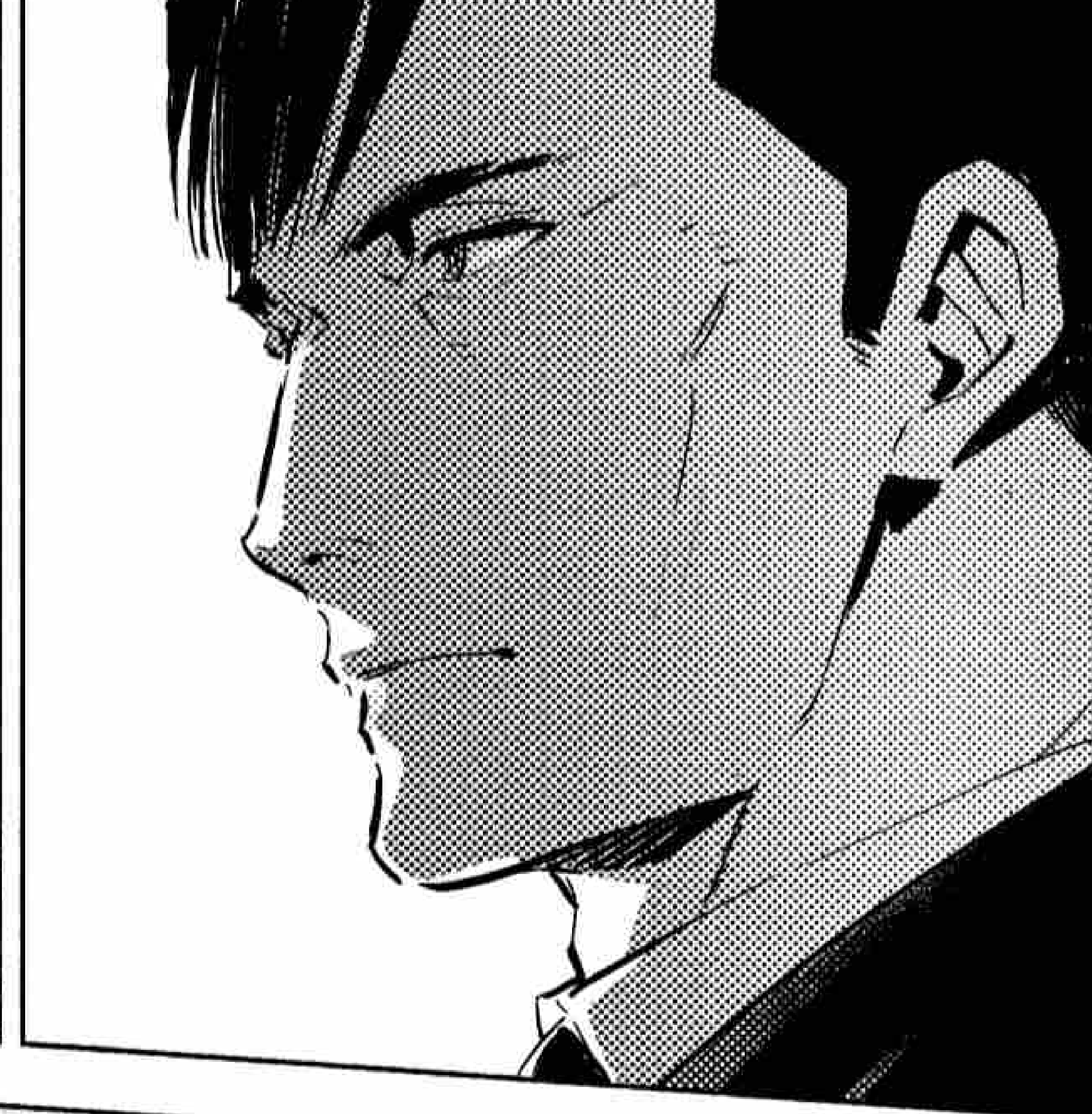
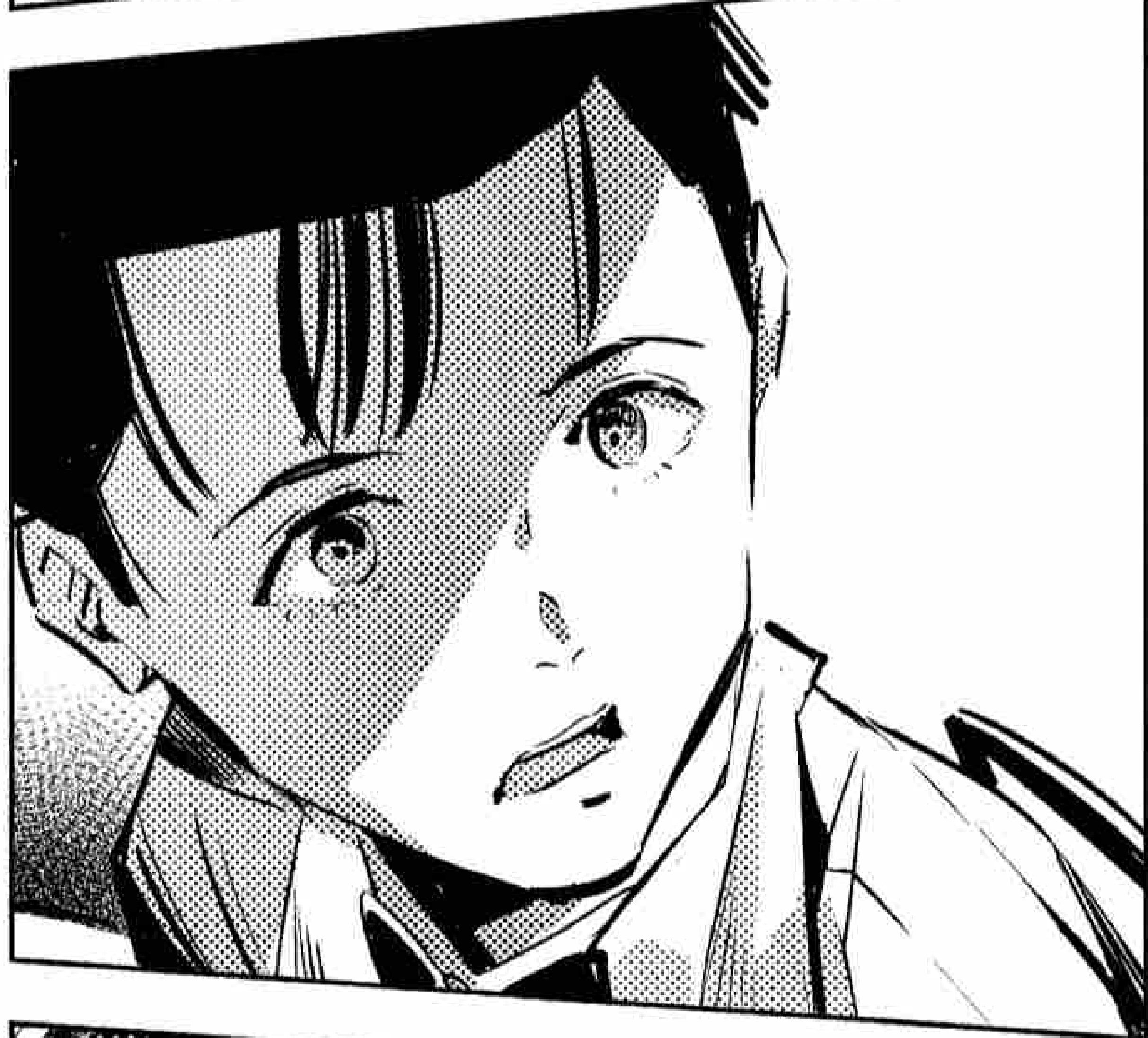


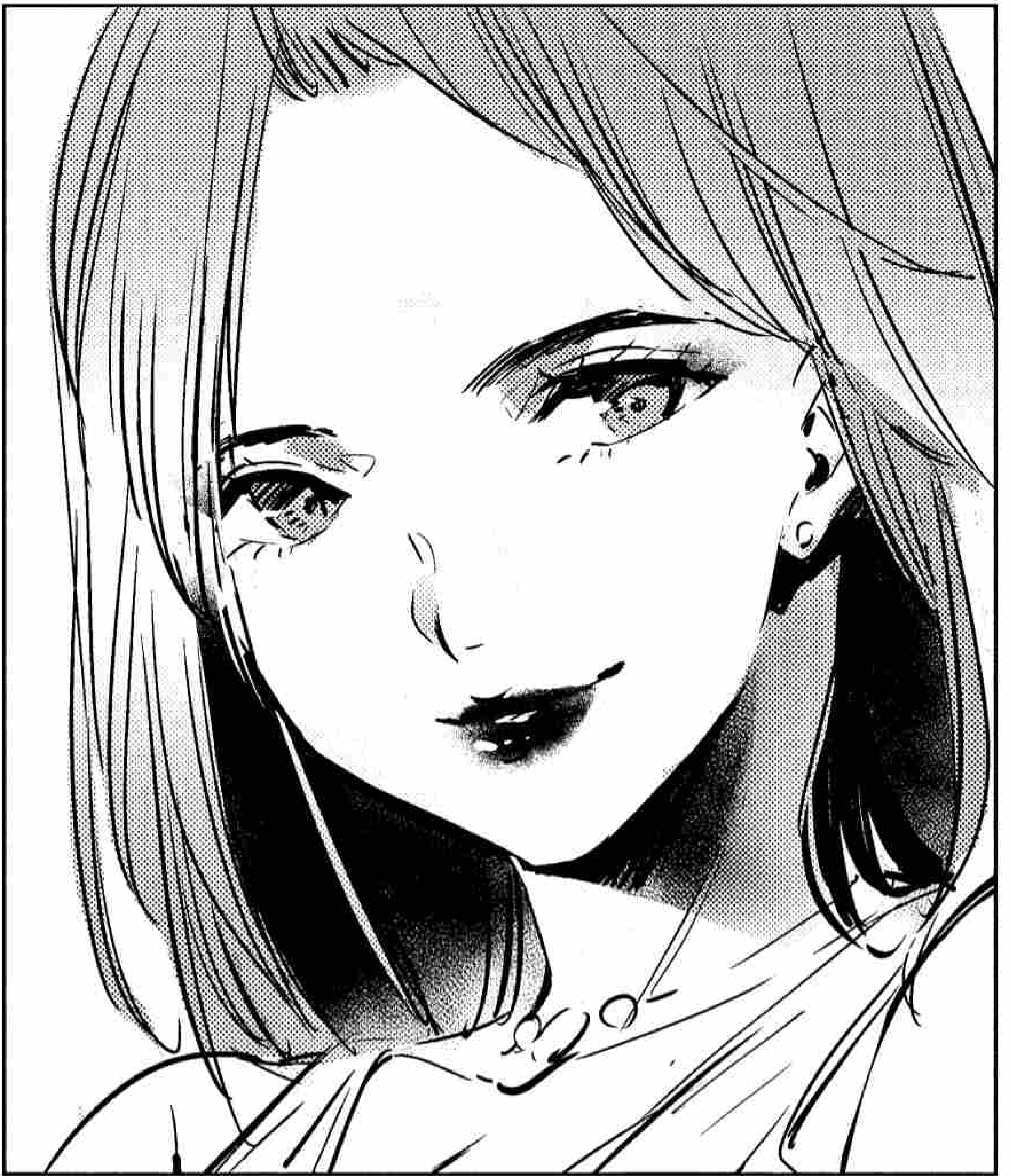
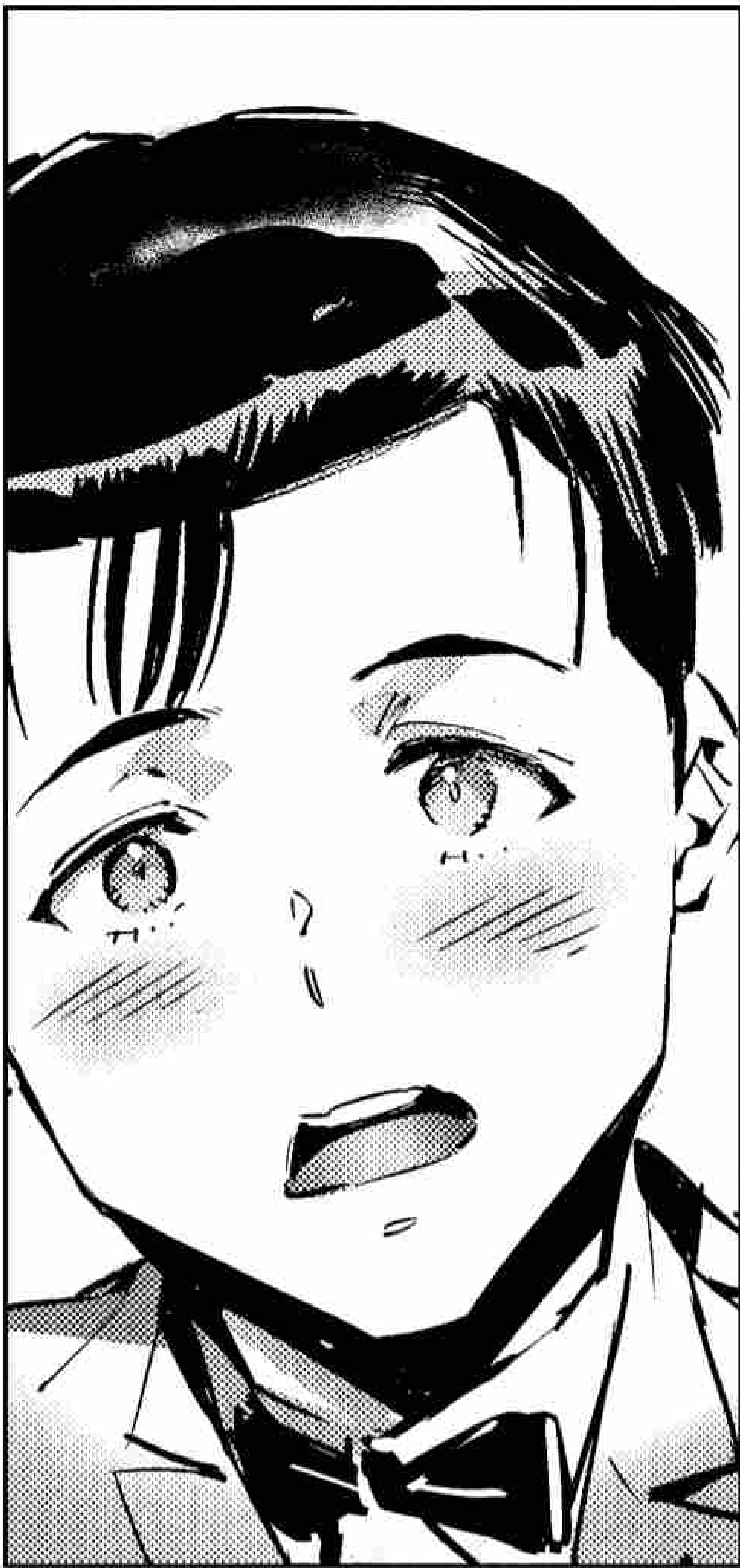


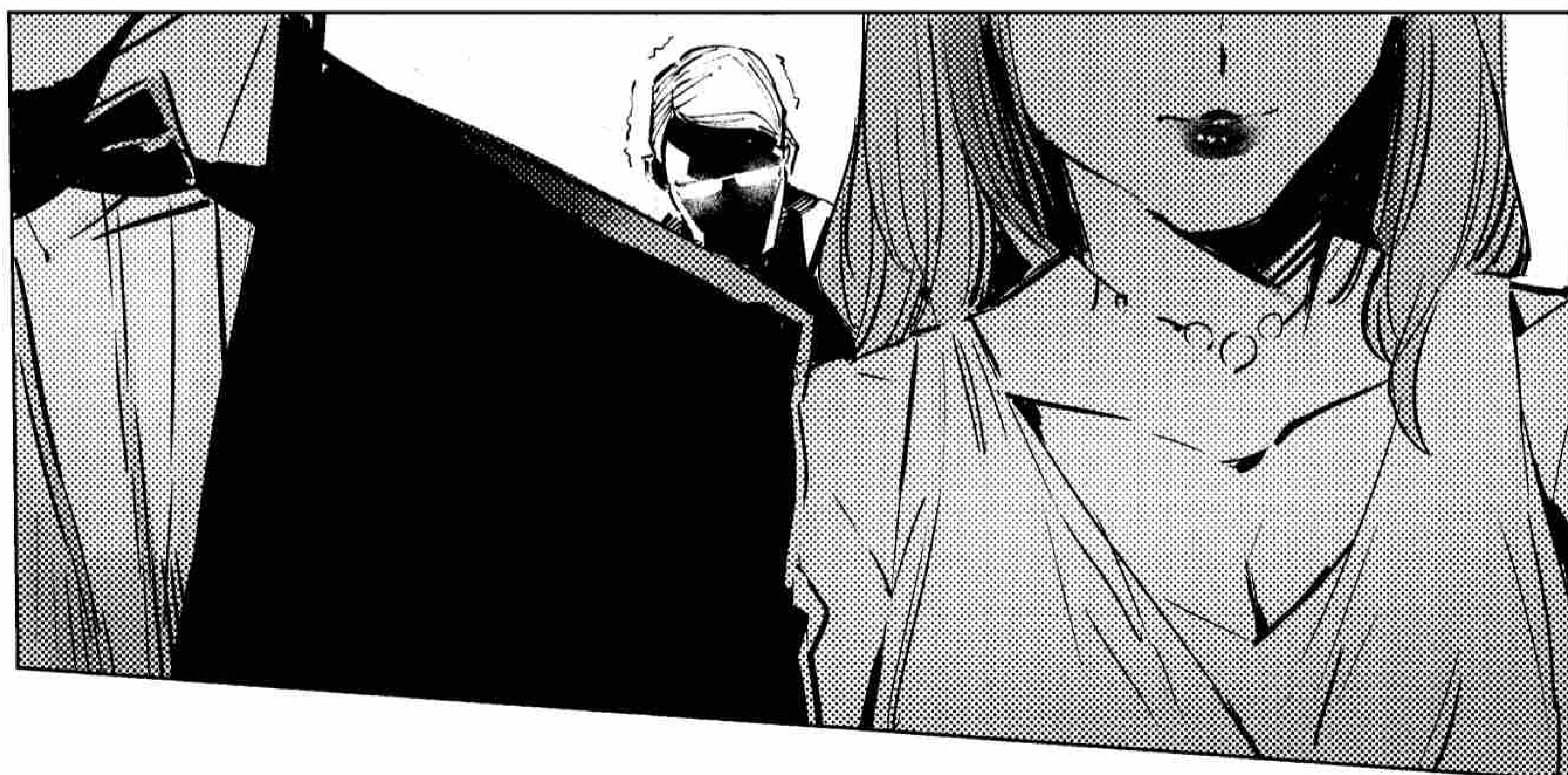
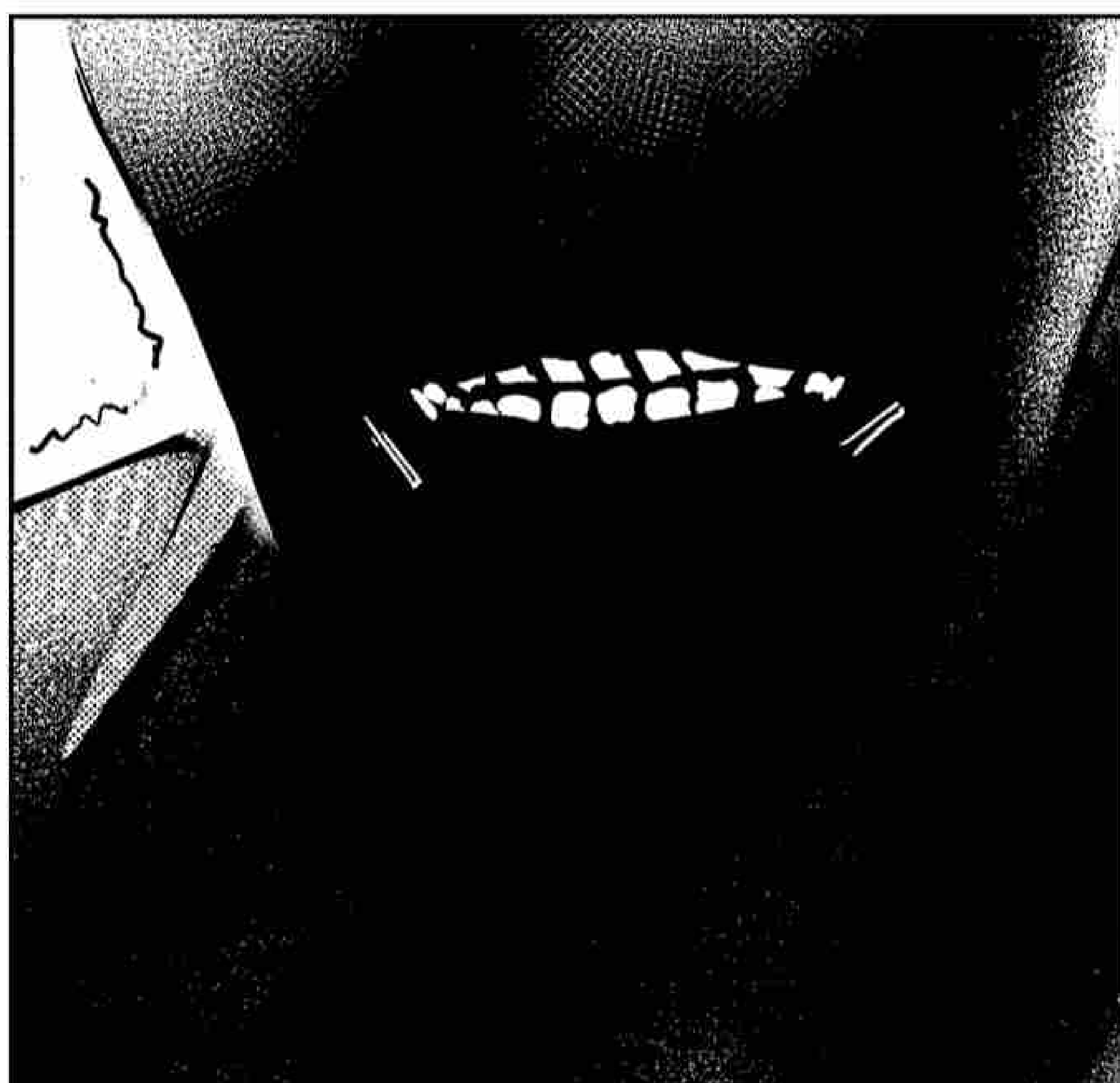
...AMBROSIA,
RIGHT?







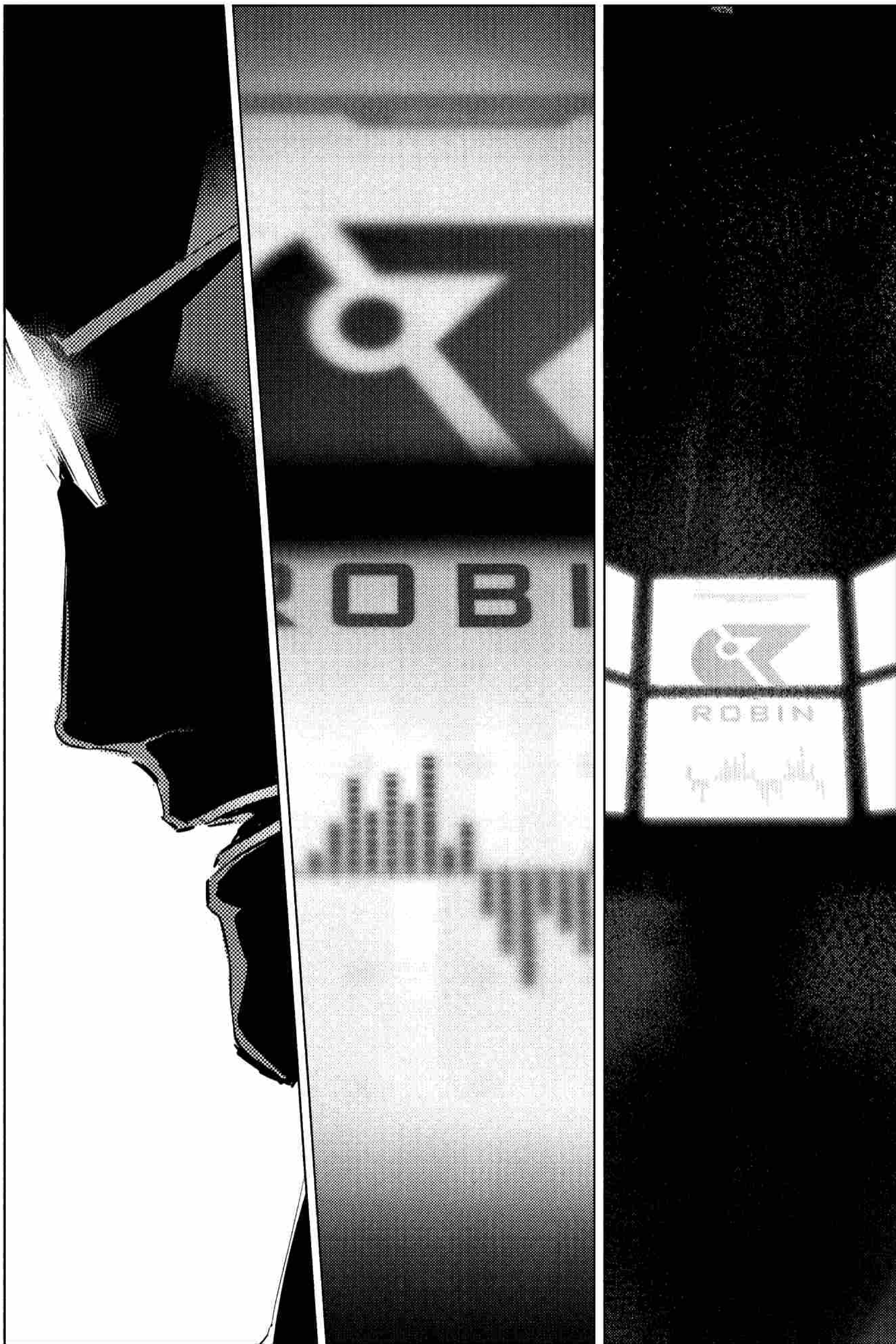




DANNY...

POLICE
GOTHAM CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
PATROL SERVICES BUREAU







...LET'S
GO
HOME.

**BATWOMAN AND LUKE FOX UNCOVER THE DEEPEST,
DARKEST SECRETS OF THE MULTIVERSE!**

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**A NEW
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NOVEMBER



BATMAN OFF-WORLD

INTERVIEW WITH JASON AARON

The blockbuster creative team of writer Jason Aaron and artist Doug Mahnke unite for *Batman: Off-World*, a seven-issue epic sending Batman toward the stars. DC Nation sat down with Aaron to help uncover the burning secrets behind this series.

Batman has historically been a very grounded character, and this story sends him into deep space. What was it like taking the Dark Knight so out of his element?

Taking Batman out of his element is one of the most fun parts of this story. This is a young Batman and he's only just started to get a handle on his mission in Gotham. Then something otherworldly happens that shows Bruce how little he really knows about the universe as a whole. Now he's taking on a challenge unlike anything he's faced before.



As this story begins we find Batman aboard a spacecraft called the *War Storm*. What is this ship and who are some of the characters already on it?

The *War Storm* is a massive spaceship that acts as a mercenary training school. It goes from world to world, abducting aliens and forcing them to train as hired soldiers. Once Batman finds himself there, he meets up with Lone of Tamaran, who's a fiery stormchaser, which is like a bounty hunter in this particular sector of space, the Slag Galaxy.



What has it been like collaborating with legendary artist Doug Mahnke?

It's a total dream come true. For years now, Doug has been at the top of my "Have to Work With" list for artists. He's been absolutely nailing it on this project from page one. No surprise, but Doug draws the best-looking horde of alien killers you could ever imagine.



You've penned so many iconic runs on different superheroes—what are you specifically bringing to Batman that readers haven't seen before?

I love writing a young Batman thrown into a corner of the DCU that's wholly new to him. As a reader, it was really DC that first made me a comics fan as a kid. This project is very much an ode to some of those DC series that hooked me, like *The New Teen Titans*, *Atari Force*, and *The Dark Knight Returns*.

After many years of writing comics at other publishers, what has it been like to return to DC?

It feels great. It's a return in that Vertigo gave me one of my first big breaks in comics several years ago. But to me this *really* feels like my DC debut. You better believe that *Batman: Off-World* is just the first of many new DC projects that I'm excited to bring to life.



DON'T MISS BATMAN: OFF-WORLD #1, ON SALE IN NOVEMBER!

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SON OF ULTRON

"THIS FAN...
THIS MONSTER!"

